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Joint Resolution

Designating the month of May 1985, as "National Child Safety Awareness Month".

Apr. 30, 1985

[H.J. Res. 33]

Whereas more than 1,500,000 children have been reported missing in the United States;

Whereas many of these children are never found;

Whereas missing children are often innocent victims of physical and sexual abuse;

Whereas many local volunteer groups already are working enthusiastically to promote child safety;

Whereas the Missing Children Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act have facilitated the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving missing and exploited children;

28 USC 1 note;
42 USC 5601
note.

Whereas there is now a national clearinghouse, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and a toll-free hotline to centralize the efforts to locate missing children;

Whereas The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides educational child safety materials and information about identification procedures, such as voluntary fingerprinting, dental charting and photographing of children;

Whereas information received through the toll-free hotline is disseminated to appropriate law enforcement agencies;

Whereas the protection, safety, and security of all children should be one of our highest priorities; and

Whereas it is essential that we continue to increase public awareness and provide information and assistance to combat and prevent the increasing problem of missing and exploited children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the month of May 1985, as "National Child Safety Awareness Month", and to call upon Federal, State, and local government agencies, and the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies for the better protection, security, and safety of all children.

Approved April 30, 1985.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 33 (S.J. Res. 45):

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Apr. 4, considered and passed House.

Apr. 23, considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S.J. Res. 45.

Apr. 24, House concurred in Senate amendments.